

New Hampshire
State Board of Education
Notes of the Mini Retreat March 26, 2014

The mini retreat of the State Board of Education was convened at 1:00 p.m. at Northeast Delta Dental, Two Delta Drive, Concord, NH.

Members present: Tom Raffio, Cindy C. Chagnon, Gary W. Groleau, Helen G. Honorow, Gregory Odell, and Emma Rous. Virginia M. Barry, Commissioner of Education, Paul K. Leather, Deputy Commissioner of Education, and Heather Gage, Chief of Staff, were present. Patrick Queenan, from the Attorney General's Office, was also present.

Board members discussed goals for 2014. Goals discussed:

Goal 1: The State Board of Education will review its current policies and protocols in 2014 to ensure it is working effectively and efficiently on behalf of students, educators and the citizens of the state.

Goal 2: The State Board of Education will develop procedures in 2014 to ensure its members are engaged in and well informed about the priorities of the Department.

Goal 3: The State Board of Education will ensure that each member of the Board will participate in key priority work of the Department of Education in 2014 (as determined by interest of the State Board members) in order to bring back quality information to the other members.

Goal 4: The State Board of Education will review charter school accountability policies and expectations in 2014 and make recommendations for improvement.

Strategies were discussed for each goal.

Board members discussed items that they will be working on; such as, work on model policy for discipline issues, out-of-school suspension, expulsions, work with other state agencies, associations, and the field in developing the model policy. The Department will determine key priorities and share with Board members to allow for engagement. The Department would share two or three at each Board meeting. The Board will strengthen relationships with other education associations, stakeholders and policymakers to build collaborative opportunities by serving as liaisons on certain boards/committees.

Charter schools were discussed. A charter school metrics is being worked on.

Heather will prepare an updated version of the goals and will send out to the Board next week. The working document is attached for your review.